tion, aims at ensuring optimal use of water resources for various uses, including drought management. Inter-State problems of water sharing are sought to be resolved on the basis of an amicable settlement between the States concerned; and where a dispute persists, by taking recourse to the provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops

*96. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that good quality of foodgrains are reaching only to the rich in Delhi as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 14th May, 1987;

(b) if so, whether any thorough inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops in the capital has been undertaken; and

(c) the steps being taken to rectify the procedure adopted by Fair Price Shops in obtaining quality foodgrains and ensure that only quality foodgains are supplied to the customers at all these shops?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of white cement

*97. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NAFED had imported white cement during 1984-85;

(b) the names of the countries from which the said cement was imported;

(c) whether it is a fact that complaints, discontentment and disputes have arisen in these transactions;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the names of agencies like NAFED which were allowed or given licences for the import of such items?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED imported white cement during 1984-85 from South Korea.

(c) and (d) Dispute had arisen from an interpretation of the Import Policy regarding imports under OGL. It is pending in the Delhi High Court.

(e) During 1984-85 the Oil and Natural Gas Commission/Oil India Ltd. imported cement through State Trading Corporation, the canalising agency, under Open General Licence (OGL).

Shortage of drinking water

*98. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drinking water shortage in Bhopal due to low water level of Bhopal tank and failure of rains;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to provide sufficient drinking water to Bhopal city;

(c) whether Government have given any assistance to meet drinking water shortage in Bhopal; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (It has been reported that due to inadequate rainfall the inflow into the Upper Lake in Bhopal, which serves as the source of water supply to Bhopal city has been considerably reduced.

(b) The State Government has intimated that they have already started pumping daily 6 million